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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON REFUTES STOCKWELL

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM AMBASSA-
DORMUTUALE KASONG AS CARRIED IN WASHPOST MAY 17.

BEGIN QUOTE

2. ON MAY 7, IN THE CBS PROGRAM "60 MINUTES", LARGELY
PLAYED UP IN THE POST OF MAY 8, JOHN STOCKWELL, A FORMER
CIA AGENT, LAUNCHED INTO REVELATIONS AND CHARGES AGAINST
HIS FORMER EMPLOYER IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROLE IT PLAYED
IN THE STRUGGLE OF SEVERAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF ANGOLA.
HE ATTEMPTED TO BESMIRCH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
ZAIRE, LINKING HIS NAME WITH AN ALLEGED GRANT OF \$1.4
MILLION INTENDED FOR TWO FACTIONS OF ANGOLAN LIBERATION
MOVEMENTS WHICH WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN PAID TO HIM IN 1975-
76 AND WHICH NEVER REACHED ITS INTENDED RECIPIENTS.

3. THE EMBASSY OF ZAIRE MOST EXPRESSLY DENIES THAT ALLEGA-
TION AND WISHES TO STATE THAT FROM THE TIME THE FIRST SHOT
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THAT TRIGGERED THE STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERATION OF ANGOLA
WAS FIRED FROM ZAIRIAN LAND IN 1961, UP TO THE INDEPENDENCE
OF THAT COUNTRY AND ITS RECOGNITION BY ZAIRE, THE PRESIDENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE ALWAYS SUPPORTED THE VARIOUS FUNC-
TIONS OF THE ANGOLAN MOVEMENTS FOR LIBERATION, MATERIALLY
AND FINANCIALLY, WITH ZAIRE'S OWN RESOURCES. ALL EDUCATIONAL
AND TRAINING PROGRAMS CARRIED OUT IN MANY MILITARY SCHOOLS

OF ZAIRE FOR ANGOLAN FIGHTERS WERE SUPPORTED BY THE STATE OF ZAIRE'S OWN BUDGET, AS WELL AS THE EXPENSES REQUIRED BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES WHO FLED THE HORRORS OF WAR AND FOUND A REFUGE IN ZAIRE.

4. THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE WOULD NEVER IMAGINE, LEST BETRAY HIS FEELINGS AS AN AFRICAN, TO ESTABLISH A BALANCE SHEET FOR ALL THE HELP HE HAS EXTENDED, WITH NO SELFISH MOTIVES, TO ANGOLAN FACTIONS OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. THE EMBASSY OF ZAIRE FEELS IT IS OPPORTUNE TO RECALL THESE FACTS DISPASSIONATELY AT THIS TIME. END QUOTE
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